

Editorial: To all Friends of Int J LCA

Announcement: www.ScientificJournals.com embarking on new opportunities with a new publisher

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It is with great pleasure that Almut B. Heinrich (ABH) and I (WKL) announce the transfer of www.ScientificJournals.com (Int J LCA, UWSF, ESPR, JSS) to Springer as of 31 December 2007. Our pleasure is due to the fact that the two of us can look back on a special relationship with Springer.

In 1984, WKL published there his first book "Introduction to Polymer Spectroscopy" (Vol. 7 of the book series 'Polymers, Properties and Applications'), with ABH as Product Manager. They did not know it then, but their cooperation on WKL's book was the procreation of Int J LCA. In 1987, ABH changed to ecomed publishers in order to develop www.ScientificJournals.com there. At that time, WKL was already concerned with a new field of research, namely the study of environmental processes of chemicals and their assessment, and from here he approached LCA. In

1995, he was appointed Editor-in-Chief of Int J LCA, the first journal entirely devoted to LCA.

The new logo of Int J LCA, the three-pillar temple, stands for 'sustainability'. Almut Heinrich and I will likewise continue to enhance the quality, sustainability, and world-wide distribution of our journal, jointly with Springer.

Our range of activities and operational basis will be extended at Springer, including new gateways and opportunities for our authors and our associates.

We invite you to further contribute to Int J LCA and to continue your support to the journal. For more details, see the nice Greeting below.

With best regards,
Walter Klöpffer, Editor-in-Chief and
Almut B. Heinrich, Publisher-Editor



Welcome Greeting

Be Welcome at Springer, Unit 'Environmental Sciences'

Paul Roos

Dear Editors, Authors, Referees, Subscribers, Friends and all interested parties of Int J LCA

On 16 September 2003, when I approached, for the first time, ecomed publishers to explore their interest in a distribution agreement between www.ScientificJournals.com and Kluwer/Springer, I worked for Kluwer, Dordrecht, as Editorial Director, Environmental Sciences. The merger of Kluwer/Springer was established and implemented on 1 July 2004.

The 'Distribution Agreement' on the three English-language journals (Int J LCA, ESPR and JSS) between ecomed and Springer was signed on 14 July 2004 and implemented on 1 January 2005. It was planned to also later integrate the German-language journal UWSF into the agreement. Here I would like to extend my greetings to Udo GRAF, the Managing Director for ecomed at that time, in order to gratefully acknowledge his support concerning this co-publishing agreement. Without him, I would most likely not be in the position to welcome you today at Springer.

In the meantime, I became not only familiar with the three journals, but I really liked them and followed their successful development with the greatest interest. The importance of UWSF was clearly demonstrated to me at the Springer booth, where the four journals were displayed, on the occasion of the recent SETAC Meeting in Porto.

The 'Distribution Agreement' between ecomed and Springer turned out to be extraordinary successful, for both publishers, and almost immediately, in contrast to my previous experience that it takes an inordinate amount of time to convince the subscribers (large consortias) of a new product.

Since September 2003, the Publisher-Editor of the Journals, Almut B. Heinrich, and I developed a trustful cooperation, which became closer yet when, in March 2005, Almut Heinrich moved her office from ecomed at Landsberg/Bavaria to Heidelberg, as a result of the merger ecomed/Landsberg with Hüthig/Heidelberg in November 2004. At that time, I was moved from Springer/Dordrecht to Springer/Heidelberg.

While I have always liked the idea integrating the Journals into my unit 'Environmental Sciences' at Springer, it was in April of this year when the Management from Hüthig considered the possibility to entrust www.ScientificJournals.com in the care of an international publisher, in order to more effectively develop their potential. Due to our 'Distribution Agreement', the contact to Springer suggested itself, and on July 23rd, the 'Letter of Intent' was signed accordingly so that the four Journals would be transferred to Springer as of 31 December 2007. Here again I had the pleasure to meet an outstanding personage, the Managing Director from Hüthig, PETER HABIT, who made the negotiations a success.

To my great pleasure, the Editors-in-Chief of www.ScientificJournals.com have supported, welcomed and embraced the opportunity of the transfer. I met them in person on the occasion of the SETAC Meeting in Porto when the transfer was already in discussion. To my additional pleasure, Almut B. Heinrich will accompany the Journals to Springer. She will continue her function as Publisher-Editor (named 'Managing Editor' at Springer) and sustain and develop the current and future relationships and traditions. Hence there will not occur a break or change in your collaboration with the four Journals. The two of us will work closely together to make this transfer as smooth as possible.

I look forward to cooperating with all of you and assure you that the four Journals are a great concern of mine. Almut B. Heinrich and I will strive at not only maintaining but also improving the quality and the reputation of the Journals. Your gracious support will gratefully be appreciated.

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